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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY OF LAST OFFICE ACTION under <u>CFR 1.181</u>

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's premature Final Office Action of September 15, 2003, for the above referenced case, applicants request the withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.113, the rejection may be made final on a second or any subsequent examination or consideration by the examiner. Because the Office Action of September 15, 2003, is a first office action and the above referenced case is neither a continuing application nor a substitute for an earlier application, the final rejection is premature (MPEP 706.07(b), 706.07(c)). Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the finality of the Office Action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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